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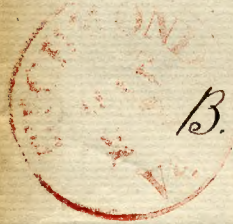
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My Dear Sir,

I accidentally fell in with the "New York Weekly Messenger" this morning, — and was pleased to recognize in its editor one with whom I was once personally acquainted during my sojourn in Boston — and with I most unhesitatingly abandoned, in April 1817, for a residence in this my native place. Here have I been ever since toiling at my profession, — without as yet having been able to accumulate little if anything above a livelihood.

Eighteen months ago I hit upon the establishment of a Southern Literary Periodical, which I have prosecuted up to the present time with an ardent and zealous, almost as unprecedented, as it has been directive. It is even now with the greatest difficulty that I can keep up the attractions — the interest. If however, I can enter upon the 3rd volume with 12 or 1300 paying subscribers all will be well — otherwise my loss will be very great, for up to the present time my expenses in rearing it to what it is, have greatly run ahead of my actual receipts. But I fear I am intruding on the time of my friend — and will therefore change the subject.

By the same mail which carries this scrawl to you, I shall also send to you address the first 5 numbers of my 2d volume — which I should like to get the favor of you to pursue with some care — and often you have done so, to give such a notice of the work as you really think it merits.



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